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# eDeclarer

ACBL UNIT 499 NEWSLETTER

## President's Message



Hello, Bridge Friends,

For many of you, if you checked your MYACBL account at the beginning of the year, you might have noticed something different. Starting January 1, ACBL added some new rank levels - Ruby and Sapphire. We have many players in our unit who have added these new designations to their rank. Congratulations to all! You can obtain more information on ACBL.org or the January issue of the ACBL Bulletin OR right here in eDeclarer in the Milestones column.

We will have our own March Madness with bridge. We are fortunate the spring NABC will be in Reno from March 10-20 - in our neck of the woods. This is a great opportunity to participate in national games, meet players from around the world, and enjoy the activities of the host city. I look forward to seeing many of the players from our unit at there.

Be sure to mark March 6 on your calendars. This is the date for our unit's Annual Meeting, which will be held at Rossmoor. There will be a lunch served at noon, with the meeting to follow. The unit game will start at 1:00 pm. There will be a report on our unit, and the winners of the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Awards will be announced. Please plan to attend.

Anne Hollingsworth



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To submit a letter to the editor,  
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Be sure to visit the unit website for more information on our clubs and events, as well as archives of our newsletters.

[diablovalleybridge.com](http://diablovalleybridge.com)

## ...from the editor

Wow!. Two more rank levels!. For lots of us Silver Life Masters, there's a chance to attain a new level, Ruby Life Master- way better than trying to earn 2500 for Gold Life Master. Check the Milestones page to see the names of all those players who qualify for this goal. Keep on playing!!

Judy Keilin  
Editor



Mary Krouse, Publisher





# Unit 499 Milestones

## New Junior Masters

Dennis Ross  
Renee Ross  
Sylvia Victoria

## New Club Masters

Muriel Bruton  
Tom Henry  
Bruce Silverman

## New Sectional Masters

Karen Corburn  
Anne Hetland

## New Regional Masters

Dan Greenberg  
Jeanne McEwan  
Marilyn Teakle

## New Bronze Life Masters

Anne Hollingsworth  
Lawrence Swanson

## New Ruby Life Masters

Nancy Blaustein  
Jerry Chamberlain  
Trudy Cohen  
Iris Darroch

Barbara Fendel

Ruth DuFosse

Annie Finklestein

Tom Franklin

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Susan Ledford

Larry Leskiw

Heidi Lippitt

Katherine Loh

Burt Marilave

John Marron

Larry Miller

Sheryl Nagy

Miriam Newman

John O'Brien

Bob Pastor

Al Petersen

Tom Riley

Conrad Robertson

Nora Rosenberg

Dan Rubinfeld

Millie Sherman

Luke Slinkert

Roger Smith

David Stering

Marvin Suchman

Daniel Tataru

Dennis Teifel

Kathryn Von Dohre

Lrin Waxman

Hedy Wee

Dennis Williams

## New Gold Life Masters

Peter Bonfanti

## New Sapphire Life Masters

Myrna Bachiochi

Linda Bandler

Linda Friedman

Bonnie Johnson

Manfred Michlmayr

John Miller

Shirley Nedham

Ron Olswang

Grant Robinson

Robert Spotts

Jerry Weitzner

Sandra Williams



# MASTERPOINT REQUIREMENTS

## FOR THOSE WHO JOINED ACBL AFTER JANUARY 1, 2010

These rules apply to you if you joined the ACBL after January 1, 2010 or reinstated your membership after that date.

RANK	MASTERPOINT REQUIREMENT
Rookie	Fewer than 5
Junior Master	5
Club Master	20 (at least 5 black)
Sectional Master	50 (at least 10 black and 5 silver)
Regional Master	100 (at least 15 black, 15 silver, and 5 red or gold/platinum)
NABC Master	200 (at least 20 black, 25 silver, and 20 red or gold/patinum, of which at least 5 must be gold/platinum)
Advanced NABC Master	300 (at least 50 black, 50 silver, 50 red or gold/platinum, of which at least 25 must be gold/platinum)
Life Master	500 ( at least 75 black, 75 silver, 100 red or gold/platinum, of which at least 50 must be gold/platinum)
Bronze Life Master	A Life Master with 750
Silver Life Master	A Life Master with 1000 (at least 200 silver, red, gold or platinum)
Ruby Life Master	A Life Master with 1500 (at least 300 silver, red, gold or platinum)
Gold Life Master	A Life Master with 2500 (at Least 500 silver, red, gold or platinum)
Sapphire Life Master	A Life Master with 3500 (at least 700 silver, red, gold or platinum, of which at least 500 must be gold or platinum)
Diamond Life Master	A Life Master with 5000 (at least 1000 silver, red, gold or platinum, of which al least 500 must be gold or platinum)
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# Play a Hand with me

North

S J10932

H 853

D K93

C 94

West

S Q8

H A94

D Q8764

C AJ2

East

S 74

H QJ6

D AJ5

C K8765

South

S AK54

H K1072

D 102

C Q96



This deal occurred at Bob Munson's men's group, a once a month 2 table imp game where you play 4 hands with each expert and then switch partners.

At my table, East was the dealer and the bidding went P,P,1D,P, 2C, X, 2N, P, 3N.

The opening lead was the J of Spades and I(South) thought that declarer had 3 or 4 spades so I ducked and declarer won their Q, led a diamond to the J followed by a club to the J and then ran 4 more clubs before leading the Q of Hearts which I covered and they claimed making 10 tricks.

At the other table the bidding went P, P, 1D, P, 2N, P, 3N. and my hand led the 2 of Hearts and that declarer won the J, finessed the J of Clubs, then led to the J of Diamonds and ran 4 more clubs and claimed making 9 tricks.

There were several errors at both tables in my opinion:

First, at my table I could have seen that we were not going to set 3N unless we ran 5 spades so I should not have ducked the opening lead. I also feel that my partner should have led the 3 of Spades because count (length) is more important than showing nothing higher than the J. with the 2N bid, it is not likely that you would be leading through an honor. Of course West probably should not have bid 2N without a Spade stopper when my takeout double is promising strong majors.

Second (or is this third), at the other table the opening lead from my hand was the 2 of Hearts but should have been a high spade and then North would have signaled with the J and the suit would have been cashed out. If North didn't like spades South still could shift to another suit.

Bridge is always interesting as here when the par result is -120 and at both tables it was -400 or -430. This result at any form of scoring would be very good.

Jerry Weitzner





Happy New Year Diablo Valley Unit 499!

I hope you are all planning to attend the Reno NABC from March 10 - 20, 2016! I am the Prize Desk Chair for the Reno NABC and I need a few good men and women to help me staff the prize desk during the tournament.

Just think.....where besides Disneyland can you find a group of happy people? Well,.....at the Reno NABC Prize Desk of course! You will have the opportunity to give prizes to fellow bridge players who have won events in Reno!

You may work at the Prize Desk and still play bridge! There are some great perks, too! You will be paid \$10.00 in ACBL Script for each shift that you work AND you may visit the volunteers suite for a free breakfast or lunch.

You may sign up now at [www.2016SpringNABC.org](http://www.2016SpringNABC.org). Make sure you volunteer to work at the Prize Desk! If you prefer, email me at [jackiezayac@gmail.com](mailto:jackiezayac@gmail.com) and I will be happy to sign you up.

I look forward to working with you in Reno!

Jackie Zayac



# Club News

This section is for club owners and managers who wish to submit news about their games. Please go to our website for information about all our clubs, game times, and to check on the latest results.

[Diablovalleybridge.com](http://Diablovalleybridge.com)



## ROSSMOOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Gateway Club

Rossmoor

**Saturday, February 6, will be an ACBL-Wide International Fund Game.** Rossmoor's game is at 12:30pm in the Oak Room at Gateway.

This game raises funds to defray the expense of North American participation in international competition.

### Masterpoints:

50/50 red and black at 81.8% sectional rating

Overall Awards: 1st, 20; depth of awards, 10 places

District Winners: 1st, 10, depth of awards, 5 places

Winners recognized on website and in the Bridge Bulletin.  
Hand records and analyses are provided.

### Thursday, February 11, will be an IMP Pairs Game.

7:00 p.m. in the Oak Room at Gateway

### Thursday, February 25, will be a Unit Game.

7:00 p.m. in the Oak Room at Gateway

Kit Miller



# The 24 / 680 Bridge Club

## The 24/ 680 Club

The location is our home:  
183 Corliss Drive , Moraga 94556  
(on the corner of Corliss and Crossbrook Drives at  
the stop sign)  
On-street parking  
[925-376-1125](tel:925-376-1125)

Reservations required:  
Winnie: [Winnie@wjasper.com](mailto:Winnie@wjasper.com) or [925-376-1125](tel:925-376-1125) (home)

Jerry: [925-766-5228](tel:925-766-5228) (cell)



## 24/680 Bridge Club

Our Wednesday games run 10AM to about 2:00 PM with lunch included. We continue to host a Swiss Team Game on the third Saturday of each month. We will be holding as many Charity Games and Special Club Appreciation games and other extra points opportunities as we can reasonably schedule within the ACBL Guidelines. We hope to support a local Charity several times per year. So far we have made contributions locally to ARF (Animal Rescue Foundation) and in December to the Contra Costa Food Bank.

Please remember that reservations are required in advance for these games. If we have enough notice we can usually arrange for partnerships.

Jerry Chamberlain & Winnie Jasper

[Winnie@wjasper.com](mailto:Winnie@wjasper.com)

925-376-1125

Upcoming Schedule:

February 2016:

Wed. 2/3: Charity (Wounded Warrior Family Support) Pair Game \$9

Wed. 2/10: Regular Pair Game \$8

Wed. 2/17: Regular Pair Game \$8

Sat. 2/20: Charity (Wounded Warrior Family Support) Swiss Team Game \$10

Wed. 2/24: Club Championship Pair Game \$8

March 2016:

Wed. 3/2: Regular Pair Game \$8

Wed. 3/9: Charity (Food Bank) Pair Game \$9

Wed. 3/16: Regular Pair Game \$8

Sat. 3/19: Charity (Food Bank) Swiss Teams \$10

Wed. 3/23: Regular Pair Game \$8

Wed. 3/30: Regular Pair Game \$8

Winnie Jasper



## **DIABLO VALLEY BRIDGE CENTER**

**2920 Camino Diablo, W. C., SUITE 100**

**CALL: 925-923-2274 or 925-943-2273**



Hi, Everyone! Well, living in Ohio continues to be a good idea, even when the temperatures drop waaaaay below freezing! Actually, winter didn't get a good start here until early January, and we still haven't had a snowfall that stayed on the ground for more than a couple days. I had a very nice Christmas and New Year's and hope the same is true for you.

We are on the "home stretch" of the lease at ExecuCenter and the culmination of my ownership of Diablo Valley Bridge Center. I truly miss you, the players who helped make this an ultimately successful (ad)venture for me, and I want you to hear the appreciation I send with this message. You have supported DVBC during its first very bumpy year, and many of you have continued to be regular players at the Center despite floods, crashed walls, and other disruptions of various kinds. I check the game results regularly and note the steady progress of many players who were beginners a couple years ago. Many thanks to our fine directors and teachers whose dedication to the game -- and you -- have made this progress much more enjoyable.

It's regrettable that no one chose to purchase DVBC to continue its good run, but Bruce Johnsonbaugh, Mark Humphrey and Mike Bandler have worked diligently to make sure bridge will continue unabated. I wish them full success, and I hope we'll all know fairly soon what decisions have been reached for that to happen.

Meanwhile, I am now directing about four games each month and playing several times each week. Gatlinburg is already scheduled, and serious consideration about the February Regional in Sarasota is underway. I hope to see some of you there.

Wishing you all a very healthy, prosperous 2016!

Iris Libby



## **The Moraga Evening Duplicate Bridge Club**

The Moraga Evening Duplicate Bridge club meets every Tuesday evening. No more Wednesdays.

Games always begin at 7pm and finish about 10. Fee is \$3 per player. ACBL Open Club, with Master Points. Hand Records. Free play for the winners.

YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE with David Geary (dsgeary@comcast.net) for Tuesdays. If you cannot get in touch with David, contact Winnie Jasper (winnie@wjasper.com) phone 925/376-1125.

We meet at the Moraga Country Club, upstairs, on St. Andrews, a short distance from Moraga Way.

Recent results:

### **12/22- 2 tables**

- 1 - Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain**
- 2 - Maxine Winer & Ashok Chakradeo**
- 3 - Art Donaldson & David Geary**

### **1/5 - 3 tables**

- 1 - Sue & Shyam Rungta**
- 2 - Carol & Gary Irwin**
- 3 - Ann & Roy Elliott**

### **1/12 - 3 tables**

- 1 - Lois & Dick Halliday**
- 2 - Ann Elliott & Carol Irwin**
- 3 - Colleen & David Geary**



Regards, David Geary